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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An edge band assembly, comprising:
 - an edge band that is attachable to at least one surface of a three dimensional article, the edge band having a wood portion, a protective layer, a first adhesive, and a second adhesive;
 - wherein the wood portion includes a first side and a second side located opposite to the first side;
 - wherein the protective layer is removable;
 - wherein the first adhesive layer is disposed between the protective layer and the first side of the wood portion, wherein the first adhesive layer retains the protective layer to the wood portion and the first adhesive layer is removed with the protective layer when the protective layer is removed from the wood portion; and
 - wherein the second adhesive layer is disposed on a second side of the wood portion, the second adhesive layer attaches the wood portion to a separate component.
2. (Previously Amended) An edge band assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein the attachment strength of the first adhesive relative to the wood portion is less strong than the attachment strength of the second adhesive relative to the wood portion.
3. (Previously Amended) An edge band as recited in claim 1, wherein the first adhesive is comprised of a material that forms a non-permanent attachment between the wood portion and the protective layer.
4. (Previously Amended) An edge band assembly as recited in claim 1, further comprising a stain that is disposed on the wood portion.

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5. (Previously Amended) An edge band assembly as recited in claim 4, wherein the stain serves to at least partially modify the color of a portion of the wood portion.

6. (Previously Amended) An edge band assembly as recited in claim 5, wherein the stain serves to at least partially neutralize the color of a portion of the wood portion.

7. (Previously Amended) An edge band assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein the protective layer is comprised of a plastic material.

8. (Previously Amended) An edge band assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein the protective layer is comprised of a non-plastic material.

9 – 30. (Canceled)

31. (Currently Amended) An edge band assembly, comprising:
an edge band that is attachable to at least one surface of a three dimensional article, the edge band having a continuous and uninterrupted roll of a wood portion, a removable protective layer, and a first adhesive;
wherein the roll of wood portion includes a first side and a second side, wherein at least a portion of the first side is facing at least a portion of the second side; and
wherein the first adhesive is disposed between the protective layer and the first side of the wood portion, wherein the first adhesive removably attaches the protective layer to the wood portion.

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32. (Previously Amended) An edge band assembly as recited in claim 31, further comprising:
a second adhesive disposed on a second side of the wood portion, the second adhesive at least partially attaches the wood portion to a separate component.

33. (Previously Amended) An edge band assembly as recited in claim 31, wherein the first adhesive is comprised of a material that forms a non-permanent attachment to the wood portion.

34. (Previously Amended) An edge band assembly as recited in claim 31, wherein the roll may be selectively unrolled to permit at least a portion of the second side to be selectively attached to a work piece.

35. (Previously Amended) An edge band assembly as recited in claim 31, further comprising a stain disposed on the first side.

36. (Currently Amended) An edge band assembly, comprising:
an edge band that is attachable to at least one surface of a three dimensional article, the edge band having a wood portion, a removable protective layer, and a first adhesive;
wherein the wood portion includes a first side and a second side; and a stain disposed on or within the first side; and
wherein the first adhesive is disposed between the protective layer and the first side of the wood portion, and wherein the first adhesive removably attaches the protective layer to the wood portion.

37. (Previously Amended) An edge band assembly as recited in claim 36, further comprising

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a second adhesive disposed on a second side of the wood portion, the second adhesive at least partially attaches the wood portion to a separate component.

38. (Previously Amended) An edge band assembly as recited in claim 36, wherein the stain serves to at least partially modify the color of a portion of the wood portion.

39. (Previously Amended) An edge band assembly as recited in claim 38, wherein the stain serves to at least partially neutralize the color of a portion of the wood portion.

41. (Previously Amended) An edge band assembly as recited in claim 38, wherein the first adhesive is comprised of a material that forms a non-permanent attachment to the wood portion.

42. (Previously Amended) An edge band assembly as recited in claim 36, wherein the first adhesive removably attaches the protective layer to the wood portion, and the first adhesive is retained on the protective layer as the protective layer is removed from the wood portion.